



## **Philomath District Special Education Newsletter**

Benton County School District 17J, 535 S. 19<sup>th</sup>, Philomath OR 97370  
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### **Night to Shine Prom** for youth 16 & older with Special Needs

FREE formal dance including music DJ, catered food, red carpet, professional photography, limousine rides. Guests will receive a gift bag, corsage or boutonniere, crown or tiara as every guest will be King or Queen of the Prom.  
February 12, 2016 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM, at Corvallis Suburban Christian Church.

This event is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation and other local organizations. Space is limited; register online today:

<https://secure16.nm-secure.com/suburbanchurch/nighttoshineguest>

There will also be a “quiet room” for those who may need a break from the noise and/or stimulation of a large group. Parents who opt to stay for the event are also welcome to the quiet room; there will quiet activities and snacks available in addition to a host for any assistance that may be required.

**Spread the Word to End the Word** campaign Day of Awareness is March 2, 2016. Philomath Associated Student Body (ASB), with support from our 17J Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), will work to create awareness around ending the hurtful R-Word by turning the focus to a more appropriate and inclusive R-word: **Respect**. A PHS assembly with a guest speaker, and daily student activities of inclusion are being planned for that week.

Language affects attitudes, attitudes impact actions.

Visit [www.R-word.org](http://www.R-word.org) to learn how you can Spread the Word to End the Word.

### **Opportunity to work as a coffee Barista**

The SEAC parent advisory committee is currently working with administration and staff to facilitate the addition of a coffee cart at Philomath High School. With support and supervision, students in the Resource and Life Skills programs will soon be brewing and selling coffee and hot chocolate to their peers and teachers. Money that is generated will be used to support this and other PHS Special Education student activities.

**Teacher Training:** California approves tougher teacher training standards to help mainstreaming. Below is a link to the brief December 15 article in EdSource:

<http://edsources.org/2015/california-approves-tougher-teacher-training-standards-to-help-mainstreaming/91731>

## Parent & Family Resources

### **Philomath Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

The Philomath SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) consists of community members who are committed to quality education for children with disabilities. SEAC meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:30 at alternating schools. **New members are highly encouraged.** Please contact Kellie McClelland at [kellie81145@gmail.com](mailto:kellie81145@gmail.com) 541-929-6731

#### **All are welcome to SEAC meetings!**

SEAC meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:30 alternating between schools. See [District Calendar](#) for meeting dates and location. Meeting Minutes & Agenda [November Minutes](#)

### **Special Olympics Oregon, Benton County**

Susie Peters, Local Program Coordinator

Phone: 541-766-6196

Fall Sports: Aquatics, Bowling, Volleyball, Soccer

Winter Sports: Basketball: Traditional and Skills, Powerlifting, Snowshoeing

Summer Sports: Track & Field: Adult and Juniors, Bocce, Golf, Softball

[website](#)

### **IMPACT: Individualized Movement and Physical Activity for Children Today**

Motor skills fitness program through OSU for children with special needs

Aged 6 months-21 years.

Rena Thayer *Program Director*

Phone: 541-737-2176

Email: [rena.thayer@oregonstate.edu](mailto:rena.thayer@oregonstate.edu)

### **Oregon Family Support Network**

Benton County Family Support Groups for families of children with disabilities

Leah Skipworth *Benton County Regional Director*

Phone: 541-740-6306

Email: [leahs@ofsn.net](mailto:leahs@ofsn.net)

[website](#)

### **Facebook Group: Corvallis Area Down Syndrome Group**

Closed group for parents of Down Syndrome children, simply request to join.

### **Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties**

Patient-centered primary medical care that focuses on the whole person

Phone: 541-766-6835

[website](#)

**The ARC of Benton County, Inc.**

Support for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities  
Administrative Office and InSight Gallery  
414 NW Fourth Street, Corvallis, OR 97330  
Phone: 541-753-1711

**Trillium Family Services**

Mental and behavioral healthcare to children and families  
Phone: 541-758-5953  
[website](#)

**Mighty Oaks Children's Therapy Center**

Pediatric, physical, occupational & speech/language therapies  
Phone: 541-967-7551  
[website](#)

**FactOregon**

A family leadership organization for individuals and their families experiencing disability, working collaboratively to facilitate positive change through family support, advocacy, and partnerships  
Phone: 503-786-6082 or 800-988-3228  
[website](#)

**Old Mill Center for Children and Families**

Full-service provider of preschool, mental health, early intervention, and parent support for children birth to 18 and their families  
Phone: 541-757-8068  
[website](#)

**Pediatric Therapy Professionals**

A comprehensive medical model of therapy services for children and their families  
Phone: 541-368-4313  
[website](#)

**Linn Benton Family Resources/Family Connections**

Parenting Support for Oregon Families in Linn and Benton Counties  
For children infant through high school age  
Phone: 541-917-4899  
[website](#)

**Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities**

A federally mandated advocacy council with the mission of creating change to improve the lives of Oregonians with developmental disabilities  
Phone: 800-292-4154  
[website](#)

### **Oregon Department of Vocational Rehabilitation**

VR assists individuals with disabilities to get and keep a job that matches their skills, interests and abilities. VR works in partnership with the community and businesses to develop employment opportunities for people with disabilities

Phone: 877-277-0513

[website](#)

### **Wrightslaw**

Resource for accurate and reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities

[website](#)

### **Tax Implications of Students with Disabilities**

Exemptions, standard deduction, and filing information

[Federal website](#)



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